



CRITTENDEN PILGRIMAGE BURSARY APPLICATION

The concept of pilgrimage transcends mere travel; it embodies a journey of the soul, a quest for spiritual fulfillment, and a pursuit of personal growth. Whether driven by religious devotion, historical reverence, or a yearning for self-discovery, individuals have embarked on pilgrimages for countless centuries, seeking solace, enlightenment, and a deeper connection to the world around them.

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden and his wife Katherine Ward are dedicated pilgrimage participants and leaders. They believe that pilgrimage journeys are transformative and provide profound insights, not to mention the incredible communities they create. Jeff and Katherine want to help others experience the benefits of a pilgrimage and so established the **Crittenden Pilgrimage Bursary Fund**. Bursaries will support individuals in need of financial resources to undertake pilgrimages with the purpose of moving one's body with spiritual intention and deepening their faith.

Criteria for the bursary is as follows:

- a. The bursary must be for a United Church of Canada person, lay or ordered
- b. The individual has limited financial resources
- c. There is an expectation of knowledge dissemination upon return
- d. The bursary will help offset the cost of the pilgrimage costs
- e. The format will be human-powered (Bus tours, cruise ship, etc. are not eligible.)

Application and all supporting documentation must be submitted to: grants@united-church.ca.

If it is not possible to email your application, you can mail or courier it to:

The United Church of Canada Foundation – Crittenden Pilgrimage Bursary
50 Wynford Dr.
Toronto, ON
M3C 1J7



What is your experience with pilgrimages?
What is your purpose for undertaking this pilgrimage opportunity? What do you hope to learn and experience?
Please explain how you plan share the knowledge gained from your pilgrimage upon return. (Video reflection, written piece to be shared, sermon, etc.)
Please state briefly any other information pertinent to your application.

In addition to this application, please include:

1. Proof of United Church of Canada affiliation (letter from the Chair of the ordered person's congregation, letter from the minister for a lay person, etc.)



STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FINANCES

What is your total anticipated cost for the pilgrimage (including travel, food, preparation, etc.):

\$ _____

Amount of Bursary Request: \$ _____

Are you applying for any other financial supports? Yes ___ No ___

What other financial supports have you received? _____

Which of the following apply to your current financial situation (check all that apply)

- I have low household income
- I have student loans or education-related debt
- I support dependents (e.g. children, elders)
- I am underemployed or unemployed
- I have medical or disability-related expenses
- Other financial challenges (please outline): _____

How much support do you require?

- I would not be able to participate without financial support
- I can contribute part of the cost
- Some support would help, though I can manage most costs

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____